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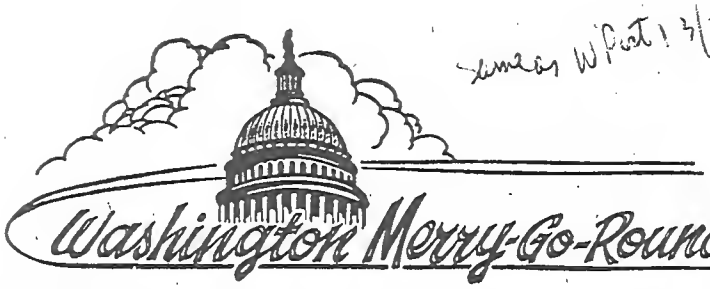

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WASHINGTON — In earlier columns, we quoted from internal memos to show how the International Telephone and Telegraph conglomerate and the Central Intelligence Agency plotted together unsuccessfully to block President Salvador Allende from coming to power in Chile.

We have now obtained secret CIA documents which explain why the CIA, at least, was anxious to prevent Allende's election. The cloak-and-dagger crowd feared he would permit the communists to turn Chile into a base for stirring up revolution throughout South America.

The latest secret intelligence reports bear out the CIA's concern. These report that Cuban dictator Fidel Castro has turned his embassy in Santiago, Chile, into "the principal Cuban center for support of Latin-American liberation movements."

This Cuban liberation center allegedly "provides financial and logistical support and guidance to the subversive groups operating in other Latin American countries."

The CIA also charges that "President Salvador Allende through lesser government officials has apparently given his approval for Cuba to maintain contact with these subversive elements in China."

Castro has formed a special Directorate for Liberation whose mission is to foment communist revolutions around the world. It is staffed, according to the CIA, by hundreds of tough, trained intelligence officers under the command of Manuel Pineiro Losado, who is known by the code name "Barba Roja."

The Latin American section is directed by a man known as "Ariel," whom the CIA identifies by two names he has used in the past, Juan Carretero Ibanez and Ruben Cabrera Marquez. From Havana, he directed the late Che Guevara's rag-tag guerrilla operations in Bolivia in 1968.

The chief of the liberation team in the Cuban embassy in Santiago, according to the CIA, is Manuel Martinez Galan, who goes by the code name "Manolo." He is a veteran communist intelligence officer who is reportedly in charge of all clandestine activities in the Santiago embassy.

"The presence in Santiago of 'Manolo' and 'Ariel,' " declares a secret CIA report, "are indicators of the importance attached to the continued Cuban government interests and active support of the export of the revolution."

Castro used his embassy in Paris as "the principal center concerned with providing various types of support to Latin American liberation movements" until Allende allowed him to open an embassy in Santiago. "Communications between the Cuban officers in Santiago and guerrillas operating in other countries," says the CIA, "is accomplished by radio.

"On occasion an officer will be dispatched from Havana to make contact with one or more of the guerrillas. Explosives in the form of plastics are carried in false bottoms of suitcases by the traveling officers."

Footnote: The Cuban embassy supports various subversive groups throughout Latin America, but the CIA identifies as "the most notable" the notorious Tupamaro terrorists who operate in Uruguay.

Billionaire Howard Hughes's vintage plywood flying boat, the "Spruce Goose," is about to lumber into the news again. A team of General Services Administration officials have secretly visited the hangared monster to try to figure out what to do with it.

Although GSA owns the eight-motored giant, renting it to Hughes for about $800 a month, Hughes guards required the officials to sign in, then barred them from going inside the plane they were kept 20 feet away on the grounds that maintenance work was in progress.

Resigned to Hughes's strange ways, GSA regional head Richard Laws complied. Laws sighed, "It's a beautiful thing" when he saw the air relic which is bigger overall than either the 747 or huge C5-A transport.

GSA is considering giving the ivory-colored behemoth, which Hughes test flew one time only, 25 years ago, to a federal, state or municipal museum. If no one will take it, GSA may sell it for a novel restaurant, as a low-speed air transport, or as a tourist attraction such as the London Bridge or the Queen Mary.

Thus, the Hughes book hoax controversy is finally stirring the government to dispose of the venerable seaplane, slumbering in its huge humidity-controlled hangar in California.

Senator Mike Gravel, D-Alaska, has confided to friends that he will vote firmly against elevating Richard Kleindienst to Attorney General.

Gravel was dubious before the ITT hearings. Now, he says, he is convinced that Kleindienst is unsuitable as the nation's number one law enforcer.